

compulsory return to the "company-store" system, the enforced boarding-house system, the system of cutting wages in winter, from November to May, when work is slow, and of holding back wages for work done from Nov. 1 to June.

"In winter time there is practically little done in granite work. The employer has to accept this January scheme, we would simply be submitting to the whims of the granite merchants," says a worker, "because in the fall and winter months, when trade is at a standstill, they would cut wages for our conditions, and less for scales of prices."

"The Manufacturers' Association is made up of employers who operate the granite quarries of New England. All the blocks produced by these come to these cities through John Pierce and John Brown. Aside from the present difficulty it would be well that this system should be changed. The blocks were changed by New York City. It would result in cheaper and better streets because of this necessary power invested in time and by the present methods."

"Instead of selling their products direct to the cities was the custom in the past, operators have to sell to these middle parties, who then ship the blocks to the cities. The blocks are thus forced to belong to the New England Association. They know that by the present system they cannot market their granite blocks unless they do so."

"The fact is pointed out that the middlemen, who are the eastern agents, and the consequent strikes against them, but about one-fourth of the granite is in the granite industries, and that these men, backed by the strong support of the other three-fourths, is a position to hold out against any change. That this is their purpose, is emphatically stated."

Many of the propositions made by quarrymen not in the Association to leave their properties to the granite industry, and the cooperative plan will be accepted, it is said, today.

A valuation will be agreed upon for each quarry fully equipped. Each man employed will receive a fixed amount, to be paid out of the granite industry, and the rest of the year the share of each man in the granite will be determined by the amount of work he has done.

It is said that very many quarries in Maine and New Hampshire are in the hands of a few men, and that the granite industry will be put in operation at once and be conducted upon this plan. Already many offers of cooperation have been received.

SHIP CARPENTERS ON STRIKE.

The Have Been Getting \$2 and Demand \$3 a Day.

CUNNINGHAM, May 21.—Ship carpenters employed in the shipyards of Philadelphia and of this city, struck for an increase of wages this morning. The strikers have been receiving \$2 a day and demand \$3.

The strikers expect that the firm will have to accede to their demands, as it has a large amount of work on hand, much of it being on Government contract.

TRAINMEN'S SHORTER HOURS.

Gov. Flower Signs the Bill Passed in Their Interest.

Railroad men in this State have won a noteworthy victory over corporate power in securing the signature of Gov. Flower to the Halsey bill.

This bill, introduced by Assemblyman Halsey, provides that no steam railroad company in the State shall require any conductor, engineer, fireman or trainman who has worked twenty-four hours to go on duty again until he has had at least eight hours rest.

A day's work shall be ten hours, and any additional work performed shall be compensated by extra pay for each hour of overtime. The new law does not apply to employees of the elevated roads in this city and Brooklyn, for obvious reasons.

Neither does this law affect the mileage system, nor the trips of regular scheduled trains, completed in a less number of hours. The penalty annexed for a violation of this law by a corporation is \$500 for each employee who is \$500 for each offense. Where an accident has occurred the provisions of the law are suspended.

Tremendous pressure was brought to bear upon Gov. Flower by the railroad men, and the bill was passed by a large majority. The Governor, however, passed the question for himself, and came to the conclusion that the law was a righteous one and just one and gave it his approval.

Legislation was brought to the attention of the Governor by the fact that railroad employees had been kept at work thirty-six hours a stretch, and that in nearly every case the railroad companies had been successful in opposing it very vigorously. In the case of the railroad companies the only ground of objection was that it would interfere with the existing methods would produce inconvenience and disorder in the operation of trains.

In Seattle, Mr. Flower has signed the bill. This legislation is urged in the interest of the railroad men, and it is in line with the demand for shorter hours of labor, and it is in line with the demand that it will accomplish the object.

CLARKSON ON BLAINE.

The Iowa Thinks Only One Republican Can Win the Election.

Mr. James K. Clarkson, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who is at the Plaza Hotel, has brought a very strong Blaine sentiment with him from the Iowa West.

"We want a man for presidential candidature," he said, "who can carry the democratic States, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Indiana. He must be a man of high character, and a man of high ability. I believe the nomination will be made by acclamation."

The general opinion of the Blaine sentiment is that the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election. The Blaine sentiment is that the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election.

"That is true," says a man, "but the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election. The Blaine sentiment is that the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election."

"It is very singular," remarked a disappointed Blaine supporter, "that the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election. The Blaine sentiment is that the great railroad is the only one that can carry the election."

A BERTH FOR FITZPATRICK.

His Friends Say Put Him Up for the County Clerkship.

Powerful influences are being brought to bear on Mayor Grant to appoint to the office ex-convict Fitzpatrick. The Tammany leadership is in the hands of a few men, and they are bringing to bear on Mayor Grant to appoint to the office ex-convict Fitzpatrick.

There is a fair prospect of Mayor Grant's appointing Fitzpatrick to the office of county clerk. The Tammany leadership is in the hands of a few men, and they are bringing to bear on Mayor Grant to appoint to the office ex-convict Fitzpatrick.

Friends of Fitzpatrick now contemplate running him for county clerk. The salary of this position is \$10,000 a year. The Tammany leadership is in the hands of a few men, and they are bringing to bear on Mayor Grant to appoint to the office ex-convict Fitzpatrick.

GLADSTONE, DRAMA'S PATRON.

Apparently Usurping the Place of the Prince of Wales.

Picknick and Willie L. Make a Very Blood-Stirring Finish.

Oscar Wilde's Play Traveled—Irving's Next Production.

LONDON, May 21.—Mr. Gladstone is apparently usurping the place of the Prince of Wales as patron of the drama. He visited the Lyceum a few nights ago and witnessed Mr. Irving's sumptuous production of "King Lear."

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THE WALL ST. STOCK REPORTS.

A Bear Movement Checkmated by Heavy Bull Purchases.

The Grangers Led the Decline and the Manhattan the Advance.

Bank Statement Showed Increase in Reserve of \$3,782,850.

WALL STREET, May 21.—Gloomy weather here and abroad, and the fact that the Wall Street market was a bear movement checkmated by heavy bull purchases.

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A RIVER TWENTY MILES WIDE.

Wreck and Ruin on Both Shores of the Swollen Mississippi.

Cyclonic Storms Help on the Flood's Destructive Work.

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FIELD PLAYED A "SYSTEM."

An "Infallible Plan" for Winning in Wall Street.

Howard and Cadwallader's Story of the Bankrupt Broker's Dealings.

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